



Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2021

Behavioral Healthcare

Advisory Members Present:

Jeff Leach
Chris Kelly
Nancy Kelley
Rob Hillabrand
John Sheehan
George Fisher

Advisory Members Absent:

Michele Missel
Janet McCartney

Region 6 Staff Present

Patti Jurjevich
Taren Petersen
Crystal Fuller
Curt Vincentini
Kim Kalina
Diane Lamb
Melissa Schaefer
Lorie Thomas

Recorder:

Bev Juhl

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Jeff Leach, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Roll call of the members determined there was a quorum.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2021 BHAC

John Sheehan made a motion to approve the April 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Rob Hillabrand seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

3. Approval of Agenda

John made a motion to approve the May 5, 2021 Agenda. Rob seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

4. Administrator's Report - Patti Jurjevich

- a. Patti gave and update on the current legislative actions
- b. Patti shared that the Region 6 staff are in the process of transitioning back to the office, with the building being fully open beginning May 10th

There were no questions.

5. Update on FY22 Funding – Patti Jurjevich

Patti handed out informational sheets, one that showed the 2% match impact of the pending legislative bill for the counties and the other sheet shows preliminary contracted amounts versus funding formula and gave an overview of each. Patti will have another update on this at the next BHAC meeting.

- a. **Match Impact of Pending Legislative Budget Bill**
 - i. The budget was approved
 - ii. One-time funding of one million dollars for housing was approved
 - iii. Approved out-patient competency restoration outside of LRC
 - iv. Rental Assistance dollars can be used for Landlord Risk Mitigation
 - v. There will be 26 million dollars, statewide, that can be moved from the healthcare cash fund to the state general fund, there is no change in dollars, just moving it, hence, now it won't be a burden on County Match dollars
- b. **FY22 Preliminary Contracted Amounts v Funding Formula**
 - i. This handout shows how much each of the Regions receive from DHHS
 - ii. Lasting Hope Recovery Center will receive 6.5 million dollars, which is 4% below funding formula levels

There were no questions.

6. Update on Nebraska Mental Health and Aging Coalition (NeMHAC) – Lorie Thomas

- a. Lorie Shared that 3 of our BHAC members are members of the NeMHAC coalition, Nancy Kelley, Chris Kelly and Rob Hillabrand
- b. The coalition has been meeting via Zoom, and this has been working well
- c. A website and Facebook page have just recently been launched
- d. Lorrie shared that they are proud to have a great depth in their membership and great resources
- e. They held an annual conference via webinar and the focus was on opioids
- f. Work is already underway for the next conference, which will focus on resiliency, loneliness and depression with a keynote speaker
- g. Lorie also shared that the coalition had just received a mini grant on suicide awareness for the elderly

There were no questions.

7. Synar Compliance Checks – Crystal Fuller

- a. **Review of Funding and Budget Narrative**

Crystal gave a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the budget. A printout detailing this information was included in the members' packets.

 - i. This funding is for tobacco compliance checks
 - ii. The Synar Act was passed in July of 1992
 - iii. SAMHSA oversees the implementation of Synar
 - iv. The Synar Act requires that states have laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors
 - v. In October of 2020 the legal minimum age limit was changed to 21 to purchase
 - vi. Compliance checks were not done in 2020 because of COVID
 - vii. John asked how the compliance checks work, and Crystal explained the process
- b. **BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board**

Rob made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

8. Nurturing Healthy Behaviors – Melissa Schaefer

- a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative
Melissa gave a PowerPoint presentation, with a printout of the same included in the member's packets.
 - i. This is a renewal grant
 - ii. Supports the KidSquad program
 - iii. There are 7 partner agencies
 - iv. Addresses the behavioral health needs of young children
 - v. COVID had a large impact on the ability to reach young children
 - School closures
 - Prohibited visitations
 - Limited data collection
 - Support was also needed for staff
 - vi. Data for 2020 is that
 - 990 were served
 - 7 trainings were held
 - 82% had 1 or more risk factors
 - 72% of the centers had student enrollments where 50% or more of the children qualified for free and reduced lunches
 - vii. Melissa shared with the committee members the FY22 work plan and budget
 - viii. Chris asked if this program is in every school district, Melissa stated that participation is based on referrals
- b. BHACC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board
Rob made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

9. Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) No-cost Extension - Curt Vincentini

- a. Review of Funding and Budget Narrative
Curt gave an overview of the plan and budget. A printout detailing this information was included in the members' packets.
 - i. The Federal dollars from FEMA will expire in June 2021
 - ii. Not all of the dollars were used
 - iii. This No-cost Extension will allow us to extend this for 6 more months
 - iv. There is no change in the dollar amount

There were no questions.

- b. BHACC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board
Rob made a motion to present for approval to the Regional Governing Board. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

10. Planning Sessions Report - Taren Petersen

Taren gave a report on the on the Planning Sessions that were held. A report was included in everyone's packet for review.

- a. There are unallocated funds that are available for reinvestment
- b. Region 6 reached out to stakeholders and held 7 sessions with an excellent cross section of participants, and the list of them is in the report
- c. Categories were then identified, which Taren highlighted
 - i. Children's System
 - ii. Schools
 - iii. Prevention
 - iv. Adults
 - v. Criminal/Stepping Up
 - vi. Emergency System

- vii. General Comments
 - viii. Software
 - d. Items were then prioritized as Tier 1 or Tier 2 which Taren identified
 - e. There are additional activities that will be done immediately, which will not cost money
 - f. Chris asked about the if they have any sites in mind for the regional hubs, and Taren responded, no, not at this time
 - g. Taren stated that she will report back to the committee on the progress made.
- There were no further questions

11. Network Services Update - Taren Petersen

Updates were included in the packets for everyone's review, and Taren gave a brief highlight of a few activities.
There were no questions.

12. Status Reports for Period Ending March 31, 2021 - Taren Petersen and Curt Vincentini

Reports were included in the packets for everyone's review

- a. Taren gave an update of the March, 2021 Contract Status Reports stating that there will be a Quarter 3 budget shift
- b. Curt gave an update of the March, 2021 Emergency Services Dashboard Report
 - i. EPC is status quo
 - ii. Mobil Crisis numbers have been increasing
 - iii. PES consumers still have to go through ED, but the is a target date of October for direct admits
 - iv. Acute has less admissions, but there are less beds
 - v. Patti asked why the acute capacity is down and Curt responded that there are multiple reasons, Beds out of commission, COVID related, and they are seeing the same situation with detox.
- c. Curt had included a Pre and Post Pandemic Report for a perspective on where services are at in comparison
 - i. The numbers may be skewed because OPD has changed their procedure
 - ii. The onset date of this report was April, 1, 2020

Curt also shared that The Open Beds has launched, there is excitement to get on the platform.
There were no further questions.

13. Public Comments

There were no public comments

14. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Rob. The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Juhl Date: June 2, 2021
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